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# Marmet Locks and Dam Replacement Project

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*Photo shows aerial view of the overall construction site. Corps of Engineers file photo.*

This is the third edition of the Marmet Newsletter. It is being sent to the citizens of Belle, W.Va., who expressed an interest in receiving the newsletter by returning the address form from previous editions. The newsletter will be published frequently during construction of the replacement lock at Marmet.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to keep you up to date on activities during the Marmet locks and dam construction project.

Provided on the back page of this newsletter is a list of names and phone numbers where you can reach us. It is important to understand that each of our representatives has a different role to play; however, once we know what your question is, we can put you in touch with the right person.

## Construction Activities

Kokosing Fru-Con, contractor for the Marmet Lock replacement project, is completing work on the cofferdam and anchoring the existing locks walls. This enables the contractor to excavate soil and rock within a dry enclosure so that they can work below the river level. This will also allow the contractor to begin construction of the new lock.

The excavation will extend to bedrock at depths up to 50 feet. The new lock will be situated in bedrock which will require minimal blasting to allow for rock removal. Notice letters have been sent to all homeowners within a 1,000 foot perimeter of the blasting area giving them the opportunity to participate in a pre-blast survey. This survey will be conducted by DBA Consulting, a subcontractor specializing in the use of explosives. There is no cost to the homeowner for this inspection.

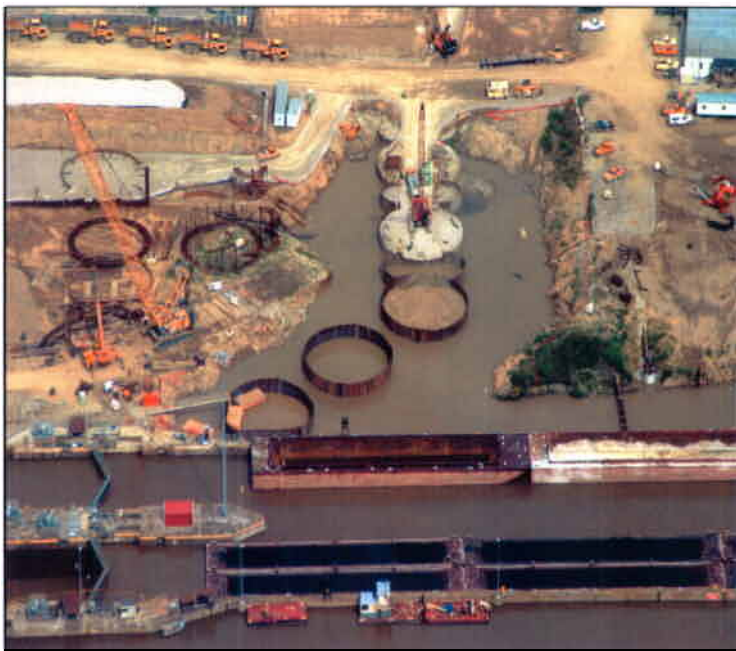
The Corps has released the remainder of the construction area to the contractor so that work can begin on the upstream lockwall. To ensure the safety of the local residents as well as the security of the construction site and the new lock facility, a permanent fence will be installed. The 8-foot chain link fence will be set back about one foot on the government side of the property line. The fencing will extend from 14<sup>th</sup> street to 19<sup>th</sup> street.

## Information meeting

The Corps of Engineers and Marmet lock replacement contractor Kokosing Fru-Con will conduct an informational workshop regarding the Marmet Lock replacement project, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003, at the offices of Kokosing Fru-Con located at 1901 West Dupont Avenue. The public is invited to stop by anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide information about the ongoing construction activities and seek input on how the Corps and contractor can reduce impacts to the surrounding communities. Representatives from the Corps and Kokosing Fru-Con will be available to answer questions. Tours of the construction site will also be offered.

For more information, contact Mike Keathley at 304-399-5864 or email [Michael.Keathley@lrh01.usace.army.mil](mailto:Michael.Keathley@lrh01.usace.army.mil).



***This photograph shows the upstream arm of the cofferdam work progressing riverward toward tie-in with existing lock.***

*Corps of Engineers file photo.*

## Corps bans burning

The Corps of Engineers has modified the construction contract for the Marmet Lock replacement project to ban burning. The remaining vegetation on the construction site will be chipped and mulched. Wood debris from concrete forms will be disposed offsite in an approved landfill. The contractor, Kokosing Fru-Con, will not use burning during construction of the lock replacement project.

### Who to Contact for Information

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